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SUMMARY: EMBASSY MADE TWO-DAY INTENSIVE EFFORT TO WORK OUT WITH FONOF AND JCAB A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGMENT FOR PERMITTING TIA TO OPERATE ASIAN AMERICAN RECREATION CLUB CHARTER SCHEDULED TO LEAVE U.S. ON JUNE 18. JCAB, HOWEVER, WAS INTRACTABLE AND BY LATE EVENING OF JUNE 18 AGREEMENT COULD NO BE REACHED. EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED TO FONOFF ITS CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER JCAB'S ATTITUDE IN THIS MATTER AND RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT REGISTER COMPLAINT WITH JAPAESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE ELVEL. END SUMMARY.

1. IN INTENSIVE EFFORT TO GAIN JCAB APPROVAL OF TIA'S JUNE 18 CHARTER FOR A-ARC, E/C MIN DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINSTER YOSHINO AND FUKADA OF FONOFF AND ALSO TOOK IT UP WITH JCAB DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL. E/C MIN AND FUKADA AGREED ON OUTLINE OF COMPROMOSE ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH FLIGHT APPROVAL WOULD BE GRANTED ON CONDITIO THATEMBASSY EPRESS, IN WRITING, ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT JCAB WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN ANY FURTHER APPLICATIONS FOR A-ARC

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CHARTERS UNLESS AND UNTIL RESULTS AOF USCABS INVESTIGATION

OF CHARTERWORTHINESS OF GROUP ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO JCAB AND PROVE SUFFICIENT TO CONVINNCE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES OF GROUP'S BONA FIDES. JCAB WAS NOT WILLING, HOWEVER, TO ACCEPT THIS UNDERSTANDING UNDER FURTHER CONDITION THAT EMBASSY COMMIT USG NOT TO SUPPORT ANY SIMINLAR REQUESTS WHILE ISSUE OF A-ARC'S CHARTERWORTHINESS INS UNDER REVIEW.

2. RE LATER CONDITION WE RESPONDED THAT WHILE EMBASSY COULD NOT COMMIT USG WE WERE PREPARED TO EXPRESS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF QTE STRONG DESIRE UNQTE OF GOJ THAT USG WOULD REFRAIN FRM LENDING SUPPORT TO SUCH REQUESTS. JCAB SAS IMPERVIOUS TO ALL ARGUMENTS AND STUCK STEADFASTLY TO ITS

DEMAND FOR ACTUAL USG COMMITMENT. WE CONTINNUED DISCUSSIONS AT FONOFF UNTIL NEARLY MIDNIGHT OF JUNE 18, WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT JCAB WOULDNOT ALTER ITS POSITION.WE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT JCAB' INTRACTABILITY IN FACE OF OBVIOUS INCONVENIENCE ITS ACTION WOULD CAUSE TO MORE THAN 250 PASSENGERS WAITING AT SEATTLE AND TO SERIOUS EFFECT CANCELLATION OF FLIGHT WOULD HAVE ON TIA'S BUSINESS PROGRAM.

3. WE IMMEDIATLEY INFORMED TIA'S TOKYO REP OF BREAKDOWN OF DISCUSSIONS AND ADVISED HIM THAT APPROVAL OF FLIGHT WOULDNOT BE FORTHCOMING. EMBOFF ALSO HAD TELECON WITH EA/J MIDNIGHT JUNE 18 TO BRIEF DEPT ON JCAB TURN-DOWN.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AT HIGH LEVEL CONCERN OVER ATTITUDE OF JCAB ON THS ISSUE. AS RESULT OF INABILITY OF TIA TO OPERATE JUNE 18 FLIGHT A-ARC MAY BE PROMPTED TO TERMINATE REST OF ITS PROGRAM WITH TIA AND OFFER BUSINESS TO OTHER CARRIERS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, A-ARC CHARTERS MAKE UP LARGE PROPORTION (12 OUT OF 29. FLIGHTS) OF TIA'S US-JAPAN PROGRAM THIS YEAR. THUS, CANCELLATION OF PROGRAM AFTER ONLY FIRST FEW FLIGHTS HAVE OPERATED WILL BE SERIOUS BLOW TO CARRIER. WHILE IT IS UNCLEAR TO EMBASSY AT THIS TIME WHETHER CONTINUATION OF REMAINING TIA-AARC CHARTERS IS VIABLE PROPOSITION, IT SEEMS EVIDENT JCAB WILL REQUIRE FORMAL USCAB CERTIFICATION OF -ARC CHARTERWORTHINESS SOONEST (WITH SUPPORTING RATIONALE). IN TELECON LATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFTERNOON JUNE 18 WITH E/C MIN, TIA DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN OPERATONS PARRILLA OF OAKLAND CAL. SAID HAROLD PARROTT OF USCAB HAD ASSURED TIA EARLIER THAT DAY THAT USCAB WOULDMAKE DETERMINATION OF A-ARC CHARTERWORTHINESS AND MATERIAL FOR USCAB REVIEW CURRENTLY EN ROUTE WASHINGTON BY PLANE.

5. LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THIS CASE IS PROBLEM OF 254

STRANDED TIA PASSENGERS (60PERCENT AMERICAN) WHO WERE
BOOKED TO LEAVE TOKYO 8 A.M. JUNE 19 FOR US ON TIA FLIGHT
WHICH DID NOT ARRIVE OVERNIGHT DUE TO JCAB BLOCKING
ACTION. THESE PASSENGERSNOW IN HOTELS AT TRAVEL
AGENT EXPENSE AND INITIAL RESPONSES FROM OTHER CARRIERS
CONTACTED SO FAR IS SORRY, NO SEATS. HOWEVER, PAN AM IS
REDOUBLING EFFORTS TO ACCOMODATE AT LEAST SOME OF THESE PASSENGERS
ON ITS REGULAR FLIGHTS.
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